



## DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DIVISION 2010 WAIVER CHANGES

### Information for Participants, Parents and Guardians



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## Goals of the Presentation

- ▣ Explain changes to current waiver services
- ▣ Introduce new service opportunities available July 1, 2010
- ▣ Overview of self-direction

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## We Will Cover the Following:

- ▣ Overview of waiver submissions
- ▣ Services with no change
- ▣ Service with some change
- ▣ New services
- ▣ Self-direction
- ▣ Services that may be self-directed
- ▣ Home-based workers
- ▣ Next year's budgeted amount
- ▣ Transition

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## Background



Original proposed waiver changes were to achieve specific outcomes & more options for you as participants and families:

- ▣ Adding self-direction services
- ▣ Adding new services that better meet your needs
- ▣ Removing the “aging out” issue

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## Current Status of Waiver Changes Effective July 1, 2010

- ▣ 3/31/10 - Submitted renewal of Child DD Waiver adding self-direction and additional services
- ▣ 3/31/10 - Submitted amendment for the Adult DD Waiver, adding self-direction and additional services
- ▣ 3/31/10 -Submitted amendment for the ABI Waiver, as planned, adding self-direction and additional services

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## Service Definitions

- ▣ Waivers include new services and changes to some current service definitions
- ▣ Service definitions summarized in “Waiver Service Definition” handout (*posted on the DDD website. All service changes are subject to approval from CMS*)

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## Services with No Changes:

- ▣ Residential Habilitation
- ▣ Day Habilitation
- ▣ Skilled Nursing
- ▣ Environmental Modifications
- ▣ Specialized Equipment
- ▣ Speech Therapy
- ▣ Occupational Therapy
- ▣ Physical Therapy
- ▣ Dietician Services

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## Services with Changes

- ▣ Special Family Habilitation Home
- ▣ Personal Care
- ▣ Respite
- ▣ Residential Habilitation Training
- ▣ Cognitive Retraining
- ▣ Residential & Day Habilitation Intervention
- ▣ Case Management

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## Special Family Habilitation Home

- ▣ Child must receive services for at least 8 hours in a 24 hour day for the provider to bill
- ▣ Respite units for SFHH providers will be capped at 2500 units
- ▣ Respite services cannot be used if the provider is working at another job
- ▣ Waiver services cannot be used during the school day unless the child is ill (school hours are determined by the local school district)

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## Personal Care

- ▣ Services must be provided in the participant's home or property
- ▣ Is a 1:1 service
- ▣ Participant must be present at time of service
- ▣ Maximum cap is 7,280 (15 minute units)
- ▣ Cannot be provided during other waiver services
- ▣ A new service, Companion Service can support individuals in the community

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## Respite

- ❑ Cannot be used when parents or caregivers are working (A new service, Child Habilitation can be used)
- ❑ Must be episodic – cannot be used for daily scheduled supervision
- ❑ If living with family the cap is 7,280 - 15 minute units
- ❑ If participant is receiving services in a non-carf residential habilitation provider or special family habilitation home the cap is 2,500 - 15 minute units

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## If You Are a Working Parent or Caregiver

You may need to work much closer with your school district for appropriate services during school hours and when you are working



- ❑ The waiver cannot provide (fund) services during school hours
- ❑ Schools have the responsibility for education and supervision
- ❑ You will need to work with your local school district if your child has a shortened day
- ❑ If you home school your child, the hours of the local school will determine the school day

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## Residential Habilitation Training

- ▣ Service definition has been expanded
- ▣ No longer includes the parent training component
- ▣ 1:1 service
- ▣ Continues to require training objectives
- ▣ Remains a one hour unit
- ▣ The unit can be provided in smaller increments throughout the day

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## Cognitive Retraining

- ▣ No change in definition or provider qualifications
- ▣ Service code has changed

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## Intervention Units

- ▣ For Residential & Day Habilitation no change in definition
- ▣ Changed from an hour unit to a 15 minute unit

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## Case Management

- ▣ The functions & responsibilities will stay the same, however your Case Manager will be documenting at least 2 hours of working on your behalf including the monthly home visit

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## Services That Have Been Expanded

- ▣ Homemaker available for all three waivers
- ▣ Supported Living available to ages 18 & older
- ▣ Supported Employment available to ages 18 & older

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## Homemaker

- ▣ Available on all 3 waivers
  - Plan limit is 156 hours
  - Maximum 3 hours per week per household



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## Supported Employment

- ▣ Expanded to include ages 18 – 20 if other funding sources have been exhausted
  - Must be discussed at IEP
  - Department of Vocation of Rehabilitation must be explored



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## Support Living

- ▣ Expanded to include ages 18 – 20
- ▣ If individuals require additional funding, your Case Manager will submit an Extraordinary Care request

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## New Services

- ▣ Child Habilitation (Child Waiver only)
- ▣ Companion Services

### Services available if you self-direct:

- ▣ Independent Support Broker
- ▣ Agency with Choice
- ▣ Unpaid Caregiver Training & Education
- ▣ Individual Directed Goods and Services

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## Child Habilitation

- ▣ Must be used when parents or caregivers are working
- ▣ Parent or caregivers are responsible for basic cost of child care for children ages 12 & under
- ▣ Cannot be provided during school hours unless the child is ill
- ▣ May be provided at various times a day

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## Child Habilitation

- ▣ For children 12 and under, parents or caregivers will be expected to pay the basic cost of child care unrelated to the child's disability
  - **"Basic cost of child care"** means the rate charged by & paid to a childcare center or a child care provider for children who do not have special needs. The basic cost of childcare does not include the provision of supplementary staffing & environmental modification necessary to provide accessibility at regular child care settings; these costs can be covered by this service

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## Child Habilitation

- ▣ Parents may be able to deduct the basic cost of child care from their taxes. Parents can also apply and may be eligible for the DFS child care subsidy based on the family income.
- ▣ Your provider may also need to become licensed to provide child care through the Department of Family Services, depending on the number of children served by the provider

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## Companion Services

- Used for activities in the community or in a person's home
- Individual and group rates
- Can replace personal care that was used in the community
- For 18 to 20 year olds, cannot be provided during school hours
- Includes informal training & assistance – no training objectives are required

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## Overview of Self-Direction

- ▣ Allows you to exercise more control of the services you receive, how they are delivered and by whom
- ▣ Gives you flexibility & authority in setting wages for services (budget authority only)
- ▣ Includes services that are not available under traditional services
- ▣ Includes a Support Broker who can help you with self-directed services

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## How Would Self-Direction Benefit You?

- ▣ You have choice and control over your services
- ▣ You have authority to hire, fire, & schedule staff
- ▣ You have flexibility to develop or change your service plan
- ▣ You have training and supports to help you learn the system (Support Broker)

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## How Can a Support Broker Help You?

The Support Broker would assist you in:

- ▣ Self-directing your services
- ▣ Finding, hiring, training and firing staff
- ▣ Managing your budget
- ▣ Reviewing & authorizing time sheets

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## If You Want to be the Employer

- ▣ You will train and supervise the people you choose to help you
- ▣ You will be responsible for ensuring the necessary employer-related duties & tasks, including payroll
- ▣ A Support Brokerage service will be available to assist you with employment issues (more details on this service later in the presentation)
- ▣ This option is available under self-directed services using Public Partnerships, LLC

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## Agency with Choice

- ▣ Self-direction only
- ▣ The financial management service (FMS)  
Agency with Choice provider operates as a co-employer with you, & serves as the managing employer, for the purpose of ensuring the necessary employer-related duties & tasks, including payroll

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## Independent Support Broker

- ▣ Assists you in arranging for, directing & managing services.
- ▣ Offers practical skills training to you to enable you to independently direct & manager waiver services; the skills training may include:
  - recruiting methods
  - how to hire, direct care workers
  - how to complete employment paperwork

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## Unpaid Caregiver Training & Education

- ▣ Enables family members or other unpaid caregivers to gain the knowledge & skills needed to participate more fully in various aspects of caring & advocating for an individual with a disability in their homes, schools, & communities
- ▣ Must be self-directed through Public Partnerships, LLC

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## Individual Directed Goods & Services

- ▣ This service includes services, equipment, & supplies that provide direct benefit to the participant & support specific outcomes in the Plan of Care
  - This service may include:
    - Devices & aids which enable individuals to increase the ability to perform activities of daily living
    - Pay for transportation provided by family members, & friends to transport individuals to service/activities
    - Pay for camps ☺

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## You Can Also Self-Direct:

You can also self-direct:

- ▣ Personal Care
- ▣ Respite
- ▣ Child Habilitation
- ▣ Residential Habilitation Training
- ▣ Companion Services (ages 18 & older)
- ▣ Supported Employment (ages 18 & older)
- ▣ Supported Living (ages 18 & older)

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## Training and Enrollment for Self-Direction

- ▣ The Division will be providing training for participants, family members, and guardians on self-direction during the months of May & June
  - The training dates, times, & towns will be posted on the Division Website late Friday afternoon.
- ▣ Public Partnerships, LLC., will be conducting enrollment sessions in an area near you during the month of June
  - Dates, times & locations will be posted on the Division's website by the beginning of May

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## Home-Based Workers

- ▣ The Division was made aware that we were certifying providers that met the definition of a home-based worker
- ▣ A home-based worker is a certified provider who provides waiver services in the participant's or guardian's home
- ▣ The Division cannot continue to contract with providers who are classified as home-based workers by the IRS
  - You can choose to self-direct a service currently provided by a home-based worker

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## Home-Based Workers

- ▣ The Division is working with providers if they wish to stay certified as a waiver provider or to educate them on working under the Fiscal/Employer Financial Management Service, Public Partnerships, LLC
- ▣ You will be contacted in May or June by a Division staff to give you direction in how a home-based worker can continue to provide services for you.

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## Individually Budgeted Amount (IBA)

- ▣ IBA = Services on current plan  
 $\times$  (times)  
 posted rates,  
 - (less)  
 one-time costs (*sub-assessments, environmental modifications & specialized equipment*)
- ▣ Model for IBA is new to the Child Waiver



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## Changes That Will Occur July 1

- ▣ Modifications will be needed for participants receiving Residential Habilitation Intervention , Day Habilitation Intervention units & Cognitive Retraining; your case manager will conduct a team meeting before modifications are sent to the Division
- ▣ You will have the opportunity to self-direct some of your services to better meet your needs
- ▣ Your Case Manager will be documenting at least 2 hours of working on your behalf monthly including the monthly home visit
- ▣ There will be a new budget amount for Child DD Waiver participants as described in slide #39

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## Changes That Will Occur by December 31, 2010

- ▣ Personal Care (only provided in the home & can change to Companion Service)
- ▣ Respite (episodic, not used while parents work)
- ▣ Child habilitation (can be used while caregiver is working)
- ▣ Companion Services
- ▣ Homemaker (no longer available to SFHH)

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## If you have questions on the new services contact:

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## Questions?

